
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1671

**METROPOLITAN AND
CITY POLICE DISTRICTS**

CABS

The London Cab (No. 2) Order 1973

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th October 1973</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>15th October 1973</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>5th November 1973</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 4A of the London Cab Act 1968, as amended by the London Cab Act 1973, and having consulted with such bodies as appear to me to represent the owners and drivers of cabs and the private hire-car trade as I consider appropriate, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the London Cab (No. 2) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 5th November 1973.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this Order the word “cab” means a vehicle licensed under section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) below, there shall not, in the metropolitan police district or the City of London, be displayed on or from any private hirecar any sign or notice which consists of or includes—

- (a) the word “taxi” or “cab”, whether in the singular or plural, or “hire”, or any word of similar meaning or appearance to any of those words, whether alone or as part of another word; or
- (b) any telephone number or address, or any numbers or words which appear to be, or resemble, a telephone number or address.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (1) above, and subject to paragraph (3) below, there shall not, in the metropolitan police district or the City of London, be displayed on or from any private hire-car any sign, notice, mark, illumination or other feature which, having regard to the time and place at which it is displayed and to any other circumstances, may suggest to a person seeking to hire a private hire-car or a cab that the vehicle is used for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire or reward.

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- (a) (3) (a) The foregoing provisions of this Article shall not apply to a sign displayed on or from a private hire-car—
- (i) which is prescribed by or under any local or public general Act, or
 - (ii) which contains, and contains only, the name and address of a person operating the private hire-car, or the name under which he carries on that business and its address, and in either case the name of a passenger to be carried therein.
- (b) sub-paragraph (a)(ii) above shall not apply unless—
- (i) the private hire-car on or from which the sign is displayed is stationary, and
 - (ii) a prior arrangement has been made for the carriage of a passenger named on the sign and the sign is displayed in pursuance thereof.

Whitehall
5th October 1973

Robert Carr
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
State
Home Office

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order prohibits, within the metropolitan police district and the City of London, the display by private hire-cars of signs etc. which include the word “taxi”, or “cab” or “hire”, or a telephone number or address, or which suggest that the car carries passengers for reward. There are excepted from this prohibition statutory signs and certain signs displayed when a passenger is being met.